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BETTY C. DILLON

FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO

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1. EMBASSY TCO ON FEBRUARY 18 DISCUSSES CANDIDACY OF MRS.
DILLON FOR ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL WITH LIC. JORGE PALACIOS
TREVINO, GOM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
FONOFF, AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING HER QUALIFICATIONS
FOR POSITIONS.

2. PLAACIOS SAID THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF HER
CANDIDACY, BUT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF FRENCH
CANDIDTE IN MIDDLE JANUARY, NOTING THAT "THEY WERE HERE
FIRST", HE ALSO AWARE OF THIRD CANDIDATE, WHICH HE
THOUGHT WAS FROM SENEGALM ALSO HE NOTED THAT GOM HAD AN
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INFORMAL COMMITMENT TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO

SUPPORT A LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE. HE RECALLED THAT A
NICARAGUAN HAD BEEN MENTIONED, BUT NOTHING HAD JELLED YET.

3. IN SPITE OF PRELIMINARY MANEUVERING, GOV HAD NOT
YET CHOSE ITS CANDIDATE, BUT WILL DO SO SHORTLY AND
WILL INFORM EMBASSY, AS IS USUAL IN THESE CASES, FONOFF
BELIES HEAVILY ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
CIVIL AVIATION ING. JORGE RODRIGUEZ TORRES, FORMER
MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO, AND A FERVENT BACKER
OF LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL SOLIDARITY. IF A STRONG LATIN
CANDIDATE EMERGES, MEXICO WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY SUPPORT
HIM OR HER.

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